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cc Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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Subject Re: Hispanic Working Group Meeting

Vice-Chair,

Thank you for responding. The event would take place from 1pm to 4pm. I will keep you posted as to the final decision.

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Subject Hispanic Working Group Meeting

Dear Commissioners and Mr. Wilkey,

I would like your approval for changing the date of the Hispanic Working Group meeting from July 18th to August 1st. Our initial date overlaps with the NCLR's annual conference in Philadelphia, and quite a few of our invitees will be participating of that event. The last week of July is a very busy one and doing it prior to the 18th would be too soon for us to coordinate properly. Therefore, I propose August 1, 2005, as the new date. I would like your thoughts on the date, including if you will be able to attend. If you have any questions, please, do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

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Subject Summary from meeting this afternoon

following the meeting, Grant and I wrote this brief summary to bring you up to speed.

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### **Summary of Meeting with Advocates for the Disabled Community**

The meeting started with Commissioner Martinez explaining the various funding constraints the EAC has dealt with which caused the TGDC and NIST to rush their VVSG recommendations. The Advocates for the Disabled then mentioned section 2.2.5 of the VVSG as providing a 'loophole' for modified optical scan machines such as the ES&S AutoMark, by using the word "should" instead of "shall". Commissioner Martinez acknowledged this problem and urged the VVSG to be viewed as an ever-changing document. The Advocates replied by saying that once States buy machines based on EAC / VVSG recommendations, they will be in place for a long time. With a January 2006 deadline, there must be a sense of urgency to close these 'loopholes'. The idea of machines being able to be fit retroactively with devices which would ensure independence and privacy to persons with disabilities was then introduced by Mr. Dickson. He stated that only a limited number of vendors are addressing this issue.

The next major issue addressed in the meeting was VVPAT. The Advocates pointed out that current VVPAT does not insure security. They also stated that VVPAT hinders machines from being fully accessible especially if they use the VVPAT as the official ballot, as some states have deemed they should for recounts (Commissioner Martinez added the point that no state has made VVPAT the official ballot).

Another issue that was brought up was section 2.2.7. A "shall" is used for visually impaired, but a "should" is used for mobility impaired. They viewed this as potentially divisive within their community. Members of the EAC, including Commissioner Martinez, Mr. Wilkey, and Carol Paquette, responded by saying that the

lack of an independent source is a problem, and that there are other technologies out there that are a better substitute to VVPAT.


Commissioner Martinez concluded the meeting by encouraging them to submit their comments to the EAC, and that those comments should be submitted in writing. He followed by saying that he hopes this will be an ongoing dialogue between the EAC and the disabled community.

In short, the Advocates are mainly concerned with maintaining a unified community -- one that advocates for all who are disabled, regardless of their disability. They are concerned that these new voting machines, specifically the VVPAT, will grant access, independence, and privacy to only those who are visually or hearing impaired and that those with mobility or dexterity disabilities will not be guaranteed the same right to access, independence and privacy.

The meeting ended on good terms and it seemed that Commissioner Martinez's comments about the VVSG being a changing document and him encouraging this conversation to be ongoing between the EAC and the disabled community put the Advocates a little at ease. They feared that following the 90 day comment period, some changes would be made to the VVSG, and then the document would be put on a shelf to "collect dust". Commissioner Martinez, Mr. Wilkey, Carol Paquette, and Gavin Gilmour encouraged them to believe otherwise.

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So folks-

Is it looking like July 26 at ???? AM?

Let me know.


Thanks

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Dear Special Assistants-

I've mulled over the newly proposed date for this meeting and have had second thoughts, since it doesn't work for everyone-

I think it is critical for each of the Commissioners to be available for this meeting with the Council for Excellence in Government and for the follow-on presentation by the law clerks.

Can you all give me dates and times between now and August 1, that we can be certain all of them are available?

I'd like to try and solve this problem by COB, today, if at all possible, so I can get back to the senior management at the Council with a precise date and time.

Thanks


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Please let me know if you have an unavoidable conflict with this date and time.

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Subject meeting with the Council for Excellence in Government

I added a meeting with the Council for Excellence in Gov't to your calendar. It is now on July 26, the time is to be determined, but will probably be immediately before the Commissioner's discussion. This meeting was originally scheduled for July 19, then rescheduled for the 21. Each time there was a conflict that arose. As soon as I have a time, I'll let you know. The meeting is with the Senior Vice President for Programs and the Director of Communications from the Council and is to last approximately 45 minutes. The discussion is about possible projects the EAC might undertake to reach out to voters and to connect voters with local election officials.

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Subject deGregorio-Finley meeting

Amy,

Here is a bio of Julie Finley, the new Amb designate to the OSCE who is coming in to see Commissioner deGregorio next Monday, the 18th, at 1pm. Do you have a bio of his I could pass on to her?

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I just added a meeting to your calendar with Julie Finley, Ambassador Designate of OSCE, and Susan Archer. It is July 18 at 1 pm here at the EAC office.

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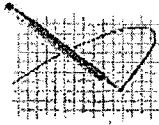
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Subject NYT Ed. Bd. meeting tomorrow

Everyone,

We will meet in the lobby of the New York Times building between 11:15 and 11:20 tomorrow morning.  
Our meeting is at 11:30 a.m. It is about six blocks from the Marriott (within walking distance).

The address is 229 West 43rd. St. (b/w 7th and 8th sts.). POC: Marian Green at 202-556-1876 or Adam  
Cohen at 202-556-3626.

I will bring background material about EAC and the guidelines.

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Subject FYI ONLY: memo for today's 11 a.m. meeting

Mr. Vice Chairman,  
At today's meeting, I will discuss the particulars of the NYT ed. bd. meeting. Following is the memo I will distribute. I will have a hard copy for you when you arrive at the office.

**TO:** Chair Hillman, Vice Chairman DeGregorio and Commissioner Martinez

**FR:** Jeannie Layson

**DATE:** June 27, 2005

**RE:** *New York Times* Editorial Board Meeting

As you know, you are meeting with Adam Cohen of the *New York Times* editorial board on Friday, July 1, at 11:30 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to provide the editors with an update of EAC activities, specifically the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines.

However, I am sure that you will be pressed to explain what they perceive as conflicts of interest regarding vendors, specifically surrounding the paper trail issue.

Regardless of what the editors want to discuss, this is your meeting, and you should seize the opportunity to talk about what's important to EAC and to its stakeholders. This is also an opportunity to clearly define the role of EAC, because it's clear to me that these editors have some misperceptions about your role and responsibilities. We cannot allow this meeting to be dominated by talk of paper trails when there are so many other issues important to voters.

#### **Meeting Objective**

Clearly define the role of EAC, and emphasize the progress already made in a short amount of time. Establish EAC as a resource for everyone; states, voters, reporters and anyone who has an interest in making sure every vote is accurately and fairly counted.

#### **Overall Message**

*Voters expect and deserve to know that their vote is counted accurately and fairly, and that is our mission at EAC. Our role is to help states enact the mandates of HAVA, and to continue identifying ways to improve election administration. We will continue to conduct our activities in a transparent, inclusive manner.*

#### **The Opinions of the New York Times**

The NYT has weighed in many times on election reform. **The most recurring theme is the**

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**unreliability of electronic voting and the need for a verified paper trail.** In addition, here are some the paper's other opinions regarding elections:

1. There must be a reliable mechanism for a recount. Voting machines that do not produce paper records make recounts impossible. (Editorial, 1-18-05)
2. All software used in elections should be made public. (Editorial, 11-14-04)
3. Voting machine companies have been given a large say in the process to update voting system standards. Advocates have been relegated to the sidelines. (Editorial, 12-27-04)
4. TGDC does not include anyone who champions paper trails or anyone who thinks electronic voting is unreliable. (Editorial, 12-27-04)
5. Evidence continues to mount indicating that electronic voting machines are vulnerable to tampering. (Editorial, 9-18-04)
6. New York's inability to apply for its HAVA funds has put the 2006 elections at risk. (Editorial, 12-8-04)
7. Provisional voting was one of the few valuable reforms of HAVA. (Editorial, 11-21-04)
8. There need to be uniform national standards regarding provisional voting. (Editorial, 11-21-04)
9. A study of voting times should be conducted. (Editorial, 10-27-04)

#### **Talking Points**

- We have always conducted our activities in a transparent manner, involving a diverse group of stakeholders.
- We are bipartisan – an example of people putting aside party affiliation and working toward one common goal.
- We are the Election ASSISTANCE Commission – our job is to provide resources and guidance to states. States make decisions about how to run elections.
- Making sure every vote is counted fairly and accurately is our top priority.

#### **EAC Accomplishments**

- **More than \$2.8 billion has been distributed to states to help them meet HAVA requirements.**
- **Every state, territory and the District of Columbia has received HAVA funding.**
- Voting Systems – **EAC has issued proposed VVSG**, and there is a 90-day public comment period. The public can view the document as soon as it's posted at [www.eac.gov](http://www.eac.gov) and make and view comments.
- Statewide Voter Registration Lists – **EAC has already issued draft guidance**, working to have it finalized this summer.
- Provisional Voting – In Nov. 2004 election, **more than 1.5 million provisional votes cast, and more than 1.2 million counted.**

#### **Looking Ahead**

- In 2005, EAC will:
  - Study provisional voting
  - Study voter ID requirements
- In 2006, voters will:

- Vote using updated voting technology
- See helpful information posted prominently at polling places
  - Sample ballot
  - Voters' rights
- Have more accessible polling places
- Be able to cast provisional ballots

### **VVSG Overview**

- VVSG were developed in conjunction with Sec. 202 that mandates EAC to adopt voluntary voting system guidelines.
- VVSG updates voting system standards to address increasingly complex voting system technology and the critical areas of accessibility, usability and computer security.
- VVSG were designed for state and local election officials to help ensure that new voting systems function accurately and reliably.
- These guidelines are voluntary. States may adopt the VVSG in whole, in part or not at all. States may also choose to enact stricter performance requirements for their voting systems. Currently, at least 36 states require voting systems be nationally certified.
- Contains an overview of the national certification testing process, which will be transferred to EAC this year, as mandated by HAVA.

### **Issues Addressed by VVSG**

- Formulated to address advances in voting technology, legislative changes and the proliferation of electronic voting systems.
- Addresses the following topics:
  - Human factors that focus on voter interaction such as language barriers, accessibility and usability
  - Security issues including voter verified paper audit trail
  - Wireless technology
  - Software distribution and setup validation requirements
  - Updated glossary

### **VVSG Process**

- HAVA mandated that the Technical Guidelines Development Committee work with the National Institute for Standards and Technology to develop the guidelines.
- TGDC delivered guidelines to EAC in May.
- **EAC conducted an initial review before releasing the guidelines because:**
  - TGDC requested that EAC ensure that guidelines were consistent with Sec. 301 of HAVA.
  - Responsibility to conduct due diligence.
  - Sections needed revision to reflect EAC certification process.
  - Terminology needed to be updated to reflect HAVA.

### **VVSG Public Comment and Input**

- EAC wants as much input as possible about the VVSG from election officials, advocacy

groups and the general public.

- People can view the VVSG on our website at [www.eac.gov](http://www.eac.gov).
- We will accept comments for 90 days.
- Comments can be posted and viewed on the website.
- Readers can download the VVSG from our website. It will also be available in hard copy format or on a CD. Call the EAC at 1-866-747-1471 to request a copy or for more information.
- After the 90-day public comment period, EAC will consider all comments and adopt a final version of the VVSG.

#### **New York Facts**

- New York has received \$221,422,932 in HAVA funds.
- New York received \$153,414,430 in 2003 and 2004 requirements payments earlier this month. (Hurdles remaining were completion of administrative complaint procedure and 5 percent match for both years.)
- Two bills pending in the New York legislature would give counties until 2007 to replace lever machines. NY received \$49,603,917 in Sec. 102 funds for that purpose. According to HAVA, if NY doesn't replace those machines by the first federal election of 2006, it will have to refund some of the funding based on the number of precincts that do not comply.

#### **Conclusion**

Regardless of where the board members want to discuss, stay disciplined and talk about the role of EAC as defined by HAVA. That is the safest course, and it will also help to clear up misperceptions the ed. bd. has about the role of EAC.

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Anytime after 12:30 pm on August 1 works for me.

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Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV



Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV  
06/27/2005 11:44 AM

To Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV@EAC, Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV@EAC, Raymundo Martinez/EAC/GOV@EAC, Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Adam Ambrogio/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Joseph D. Hardy/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Hispanic Working Group Meeting

Dear Commissioners and Mr. Wilkey,

I would like your approval for changing the date of the Hispanic Working Group meeting from July 18th to August 1st. Our initial date overlaps with the NCLR's annual conference in Philadelphia, and quite a few of our invitees will be participating of that event. The last week of July is a very busy one and doing it prior to the 18th would be too soon for us to coordinate properly. Therefore, I propose August 1, 2005, as the new date. I would like your thoughts on the date, including if you will be able to attend. If you have any questions, please, do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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"Susan Dzieduszycka-Suinat"  
<susan@overseasvotefoundation.org>

06/23/2005 10:17 AM

To pdegregorio@eac.gov

cc

bcc

Subject Re: today's meeting with FVAP

Paul,

In light of your timely meeting today, I like you to be aware that I also submitted a complete rewrite of the FPCA form and accompanying instructions this week to Polli and Scott. To date, I have received no reply.

Given the substantive need for major revisions, I believe that I am providing valuable input, and importantly these changes are fundamental to improving voter enfranchisement.

If you would like to see these change documents, I can forward them. I'd also be interested in the outcome of your meeting and communication with the other commissioners.

Sincerely,

Susan

At 02:38 PM 6/23/2005, you wrote:

Susan,

Thanks for your note. Sorry I didn't respond to the first one. Regarding this particular form design, I would suggest that you take this up directly with Charlie Abell, as Polli doesn't seem that open to good ideas and suggestions. The Commission is meeting with Polli today and I will bring up your design suggestion directly with her.

I shared the portfolio you gave me with my fellow commissioners and top staff so they can become familiar with your work.

Thanks for your continuing advice and work in this important area.

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Raymundo  
Martinez/EAC/GOV  
06/17/2005 03:36 PM

To Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.  
Thompson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Brian  
Hancock/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Adam Ambrogio/EAC/GOV@EAC, Amie J.  
Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC

bcc

Subject Meeting with John Groh, ES&S Systems

Paul/Julie/Bryan:

I have set up the meeting with John Groh for next Tuesday, June 21 at 9AM in the large conference room. John may be accompanied by his product manager (whose name escapes me). John understands that this is an informational meeting only.

Thanks.


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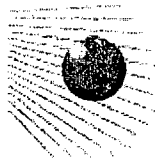
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Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV  
06/17/2005 09:06 AM

To Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Re: Talent 

Yes, it's set for Wednesday (6/22) at 3 PM in his office.

Amie J. Sherrill  
Special Assistant to Vice Chairman Paul S. DeGregorio  
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Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV



Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV  
06/16/2005 07:42 PM

To Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Talent

Were you able to get the Talent meeting scheduled for next week?

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
06/15/2005 12:18 PM

To pdegregorio@eac.gov, ghillman@eac.gov,  
rmartinez@eac.gov  
cc aambrogi@eac.gov, cpaquette@eac.gov, sbanks@eac.gov,  
jthompson@eac.gov, twilkey@nycap.rr.com,  
asherrill@eac.gov  
bcc  
Subject New York Times ed. bd. meeting

Commissioners,  
I've arranged an ed. bd. meeting (Adam Cohen and others) with the New York Times for Friday, July 1.  
They are going to get back to me with available times, but I wanted you to know it's in the works. After I  
get the particulars, I'll give you a memo with all of the details.

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"Jay Eads"  
<jeads@sos.state.ms.us>  
06/09/2005 07:25 PM

To asherrill@eac.gov  
cc "Chuck Bearman" <CBearman@sos.state.ms.us>, "David Blount" <DBlount@sos.state.ms.us>  
bcc  
Subject RE: Request for Vice Chairman's attendance

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**From:** asherrill@eac.gov [mailto:asherrill@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 09, 2005 10:13 AM  
**To:** Jay Eads  
**Cc:** Kathy Fortenberry  
**Subject:** Request for Vice Chairman's attendance

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Up to him.

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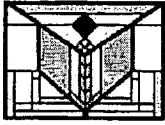
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Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV  
06/01/2005 03:51 PM

To Raymundo Martinez/EAC/GOV@EAC, Paul  
DeGregorio/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

bcc

Subject Meeting with Pollworker Institute

Commissioners:

As a follow-up to my email of last week, I have been in touch with Tracy Warren, who had asked to speak with both of you regarding the efforts that she and Jennifer Collins-Foley are proposing through the "Pollworker Institute." In addition to the prospectus for the P.I. provided you both, they have also indicated their interest in discussing the future of the College Pollworker Program, in light of their schedule for this year's Pollworker Institute initiatives. Tracy (and Jennifer, if she's back from Albania) are available to meet on Monday, June 6th at 2 PM. Please let me know whether that time is available for you, and whether you desire any additional staff present at this meeting. I will work out the remaining details.

Thanks,  
Adam

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Raymundo  
Martinez/EAC/GOV  
05/16/2005 10:17 AM

To Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV@EAC, Paul  
DeGregorio/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC  
bcc  
Subject Fw: Monday 5/16 database meeting

Gracia/Paul:

Attached is the list of participants for today's meeting with the advocacy community regarding the proposed guidance on statewide voter registration lists.

Thanks.

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Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV  
05/16/2005 10:07 AM

To Raymundo Martinez/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.  
Thompson/EAC/GOV  
cc  
Subject Fw: Monday 5/16 database meeting

Attached is email from Wendy noting the attendees at this meeting (start time: 1 PM).

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----- Forwarded by Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV on 05/16/2005 10:03 AM -----



"Wendy Weiser"  
<wendy.weiser@nyu.edu>  
05/13/2005 06:52 PM

To aambrogi@eac.gov  
cc

018696



Subject Re: Monday 5/16 database meeting

Adam,

I successfully changed my train to one that is supposed to arrive at Union Station at 11:00 am on Monday. I therefore plan to come meet the Commissioner at 11:30 am. If the train is delayed, I will leave you a message.

As for the meeting attendees, they are:

Wendy Weiser, Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law  
Justin Levitt, Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law  
Lloyd Leonard, League of Women Voters  
James Dickson, American Association of People with Disabilities  
Steven Carbo, Demos  
Jonah Goldman, Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law  
Laleh Ipsahani, American Civil Liberties Union  
Tanya Clay, People for the American Way  
Larry Gonzalez, NALEO (arriving late)

Possible additional attendees include:

Jo-Anne Chasnow, Project Vote  
Heather Thompson, Appleseed Foundation  
Jeanette Senecal, League of Women Voters

Thank you. I look forward to meeting you in person.

Best,

Wendy

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[wendy.weiser@nyu.edu](mailto:wendy.weiser@nyu.edu)

>>> <aambrogi@eac.gov> 05/13/05 12:07PM >>>

Wendy:

018691

Just making sure you received my phone message from yesterday. Depending on when you get into DC, the Commissioner would like to have a discussion with you over lunch prior to the meeting. Would 11:30 be OK?

Let me know. Best,  
Adam

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"Wendy Weiser" <wendy.weiser@nyu.edu>

05/12/2005 04:30 PM

To aambrogio@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Monday 5/16 databse meeting

Adam,

I wanted to touch base to finalize the arrangements for our meeting on Monday, May 16 regarding the database guidance. Specifically, we need to clarify the time and location of the meeting. (I believe that you said that you preferred 12:30 pm.) I would also like to confirm that I am responsible for the meeting agenda. Finally, I have consulted with other advocates and have a near-final list of those who would like to attend. Please let me know if you would like a copy of that list in advance. Thanks, and I look forward to meeting you in person.

Best,

Wendy

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018692



"Sam Wright"

05/16/2005 10:09 AM

To klynndyson@eac.gov

cc Paul.DeGregorio@eac.gov,

bcc

Subject Re: Meeting with Paul DeGregorio

Thanks. I will be there tomorrow, 17 May, at 4:30 pm.

Sam Wright

--- klynndyson@eac.gov wrote:

> Since Vice Chairman DeGregorio suggested 4:30 on

> Tuesday, May 17, we'll

> meet then.

>

> Let's plan to meet at EAC's offices- 1225 New York  
> Avenue, Suite 1100.

>

> I look forward to it.

>

> Regards-

>

> Karen Lynn-Dyson

> Research Manager

> U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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> tel:202-566-3123

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> "Sam Wright" <----->

> 05/16/2005 08:47 AM

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> To

> KLYnnDyson@eac.gov

> cc

> Paul.DeGregorio@eac.gov, ------

> Subject

> Meeting with Paul DeGregorio

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> Ms. Dyson: My work no. is 703-696-1386, ext. 550

> (not

> the number that you have been calling).

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> I got an e-mail from Paul suggesting 4:30 pm on

> Tuesday, 17 May, or Wednesday, 18 May. Either would

> work for me, but not Friday--I will be traveling to

> New Orleans on business.

>

> I am also available any day next week, the week of

> 23

> May. I prefer late afternoon, like 4:30 pm.

> Thanks,

018696

> Sam Wright  
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>  
>

018694



Raymundo  
Martinez/EAC/GOV  
05/16/2005 09:49 AM

To Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

bcc

Subject Meeting with advocates today regarding draft guidance.

Paul:

I sent an email around early last week regarding a meeting that Adam has set up with about 10-15 representatives from the advocacy community who will be in the office today to discuss the EAC proposed guidance on statewide voter lists. Wendy Weiser (Brennan Center) who testified at our Boston hearing requested the meeting as a follow-up to her testimony. The meeting is taking place today, in the large conference room, from 1 - 2:45PM.

Anyway, I was simply reminding you about the meeting and to also let you know that it is my understanding that in addition to myself, Gracia plans to attend this meeting as well. If you are available, please feel free to attend. It is mostly a listening session on our end, and Julie is taking the lead on the meeting.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks, Paul.

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05/12/2005 02:29 PM

To pdegregorio@eac.gov

cc

bcc

Subject Fwd: Reschedule our meeting

----- Message from "Sam Wright" <  
(PDT) -----

> on Tue, 10 May 2005 20:57:45 -0700

**To:**

**Subject:** Reschedule our meeting

Paul: I heard from your EA about two weeks ago, and she asked me to come by at 4:30 today, 10 May, to meet with you. I was there--maybe she failed to record the appointment properly in your book. Anyway, I am available at your convenience--but late afternoon is best for me. Sam Wright

018696

Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV  
05/10/2005 05:53 PM

To Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Adam Ambrogli/EAC/GOV@EAC  
bcc  
Subject Meeting with Sam Wright

Vice Chairman-

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I've called Mr. Wright a second time and apologized for the miscommunication and asked if we could re-schedule at his and your earliest convenience.

Karen

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Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV

05/10/2005 06:08 PM

To Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

bcc

Subject Wright Meeting

Commissioner:

This email is just to you, but I want to make it clear that when Karen stopped by my office this morning, she asked when the meeting was with Wright. I responded that I believed that your email asked her to re-schedule the event. I then pulled up your email with Karen present, and showed it to her. She then said she would contact Wright. This occurred mid-day. So any confusion as to the rescheduling of this meeting did not come from my end. I was in the Commissioner's office for much of the afternoon, and was not contacted by anyone at the front desk about a meeting with Wright, aside from a note left on my chair by wither Bola or Joyce that he stopped by for a meeting.

I'd like to not get into any more hot water with staff around here than I have to, but I just wanted to let you know the process of these events. Karen just got back yesterday, and it's likely she was swarmed with emails. Let me know what you want done on this situation.

Thanks so much for all your support over the last week.

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

05/10/2005 05:53 PM

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cc Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV  
05/10/2005 08:19 AM

To Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV@EAC, Paul DeGregorio,  
Raymundo Martinez/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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Subject NASS Executive Board Meeting

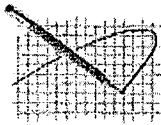
Commissioners,

The NASS Executive Board would like to continue to have open communication with you and have suggested a conference call meeting for next month. Specifically, they are looking at the afternoon of June 14 or 16.

Adam, please let me know what the Commissioners' schedules look like for either one of those days. The call should not last more than an hour.

Thank you,  
Sheila

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

04/26/2005 04:11 PM

To Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV@EAC, Paul  
DeGregorio/EAC/GOV@EAC, Raymundo  
Martinez/EAC/GOV@EAC, DeForest Soaries

cc

bcc

Subject Boston Globe Ed. Bd. Meeting

Those of you who are able to stay in Boston through Thursday afternoon have an appt. with Boston Globe Ed. Bd. members Bob Turner and Rene Loth and reporter Brian Mooney at 2 p.m. on Thursday. Tomorrow I will give you a memo outlining the particulars, including the topics that will be covered during the interview.

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"Kathy Kessinger"  
<Kathy@KessingerProductions.com>

04/20/2006 09:48 PM

Please respond to  
"Kathy Kessinger"  
<Kathy@Kessingerproductions.com>

To pdegregorio@eac.gov

cc

bcc

Subject Fw: Meeting MO-SOS Kathy Palazzolo - St. Louis Hill

Paul,

Thank you for responding so quickly. Donna and myself are available to meet with you Saturday April 30th, May 14th or May 28th. Please let me know if any of these dates work for you. We are anxious to talk with you and provide you with information about our program.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Palazzolo

----- Original Message -----

**From:** pdegregorio@eac.gov

**To:** Kathy Kessinger

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 20, 2005 4:43 AM

**Subject:** Re: Meeting MO-SOS Kathy Palazzolo - St. Louis Hill

Kathy,

Thank you for your note and update. I'll be happy to meet with you to hear more about your services. At least once per month I can be found at my cousin's store, DiGregorio's, stocking up. In fact, I was just there this past Saturday. I also visit my parents, who live on \_\_\_\_\_, every Saturday. Perhaps we can meet some Saturday morning (I am only in St. Louis on the weekends). Thanks.

Paul DeGregorio

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Kathy Kessinger" [Kathy@KessingerProductions.com]

**Sent:** 04/19/2006 08:39 PM

**To:** Paul DeGregorio

**Subject:** Meeting MO-SOS Kathy Palazzolo - St. Louis Hill

Dear Mr. DeGregorio:

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04/19/2006 08:39 PM

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Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV

04/18/2005 11:05 PM

To Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV, Raymundo Martinez/EAC/GOV,  
DeForest Soaries Jr./EAC/GOV

cc Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV, Holland M. Patterson/EAC/GOV,  
Spring A. Taylor/EAC/GOV, Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV,  
Juliet E. Thompson/EAC/GOV, "Sheila Banks"

bcc

Subject Re: Meeting With California Secretary of State Bruce  
McPherson

I have confirmed this meeting with Secretary McPherson.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
Sheila A. Banks

From: Sheila A. Banks

Sent: 04/18/2005 05:48 PM

To: Gracia Hillman; Paul DeGregorio; Raymundo Martinez; DeForest Soaries  
Jr.

Cc: Adam Ambrogi; Holland Patterson; Spring Taylor; Carol Paquette; Juliet  
Thompson

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Brad will provide more details.

Thanks,  
Sheila

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Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV  
04/18/2005 05:48 PM

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Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV  
04/09/2005 02:22 PM

To Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV@EAC, Paul  
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Martinez/EAC/GOV@EAC, DeForest Soaries  
cc Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV@EAC, Adam  
Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC, Holland M.  
Patterson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Spring A.  
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Subject April 11 Meeting with Disability Advocacy Groups

Commissioners,

Attached is the list of participants for Monday's meeting.

We will use a voice relay caption service for those attendees who are hearing impaired. If you are unable to attend, this service will also allow you to monitor the meeting from anywhere in the United States. Simply, go to <http://www.fedrcc.us> and input our event code, 344557. If you'd like to participate by phone, the dial-in number is 202-708-9998 (local) or 866-222-9044 (toll free) and the passcode is 63111.

Thanks,  
Sheila



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# **U.S. Election Assistance Commission Discussion with Disability Advocacy Groups**

**April 11, 2005**

## **Participants**

### **American Association of People With Disabilities**

Andy Imparato, President  
Jim Dickson, Vice President

### **American Council of the Blind**

Daye al-Mohamed, Director of Governmental Affairs

### **ARC/United Cerebral Palsy**

Janna Starr, Director of Disability Rights & Technology Policy

### **American Federation of the Blind**

Joy Relton, Government Relations Representative

### **Bazelon Center for Mental Health**

Jennifer Mathis, Staff Attorney

### **Brain Injury Assoc of the USA**

Robert Demichelis, Legislation Liaison

### **Children and Adults with AD/HD**

Stephen Spector, Director of Public Policy

### **ENDependence Living Center of Northern Virginia**

Doris Ray, Advocacy & Outreach Coordinator

### **Fairfax Area Disability Services Board**

Anne Pimley, Vice Chair, Board of Directors

### **Freedom Center for Independent Living**

Jamey George, Executive Director

### **Jaburg & Wilk, P.C.,**

Jim Reed, Attorney

### **Maryland Statewide Independent Living Council**

Kimball Gray, Executive Director

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**National Association of Protection and Advocacy Systems**

Curt Decker , Executive Director  
Christina Galindo-Walsh

**National Council on Independent Living**

Daniel Davis, Policy Analyst

**National Federation of the Blind**

Jim McCarthy, Director of Governmental Affairs

**National Spinal Cord Injury Association**

Marcie Roth, Executive Director

**Paralyzed Veterans of America**

Lee Page, Associate Advocacy Director

**State of Florida**

Richard LaBelle, Secretary of the Florida Coalition on Disability Rights

**United Spinal Association**

Kara Lee-Brunton, Policy Analyst

**University Legal Services**

Pam Mebane, Staff Attorney

**U.S. ACCESS Board**

JR Harding, Board Member

Jim Elekes, Board Member (via teleconference)



"Pennington, Terry"  
<terry.pennington@dlapiper.com>

04/04/2005 05:13 PM

To pdegregorio@eac.gov

cc

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Subject RE: Iraqi Election Commission meeting

Paul,

It was great to hear from you again. I'm really excited for you, and just a little bit concerned. If you should take them up on their offer, be careful. I think that it would be a fantastic opportunity and I certainly would not pass it up. I forwarded you photo, and I hope you don't mind, to Leader Armei, and he and his assistant were quite impressed with the meeting and we all wish you the very best.

I hope that you've had an opportunity to catch your breath following our November election and from following the Iraqi elections. Don't forget that you're always welcome in Dallas.

Sincerely,

Terry Pennington

*Please note that effective January 1, 2005, my email address has changed*

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**From:** pdegregorio@eac.gov [mailto:pdegregorio@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2005 6:31 PM

**To:** pdegregorio@eac.gov

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04/04/2005 04:33 PM

To: [pdegregorio@eac.gov](mailto:pdegregorio@eac.gov)  
cc  
bcc  
Subject: Re: Iraqi Election Commission meeting

you are one handsome dude.....Congrats and thanks for your efforts.....Ever get to Chicago, call me.

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"Gary"

<[redacted]>

03/31/2005 11:53 AM

To pdegregorio@eac.gov

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Subject Fw: Iraqi Election Commission meeting

Paul -- Ken Meyer forwarded to me the message about your meeting with the members of the Iraqi Election Commission which I found very inspirational. Here in the USA, I think we tend at times to take our right to vote for granted, whereas others around the world have to fight and at times risk their lives to exercise the same right. I am particularly reminded about that now, because we only had an 18% turnout on March 8 for the Municipal Primary Election and will likely have an even smaller turnout next Tuesday for the Municipal General Election.

I had lunch the other day with my predecessor, Kevin Coan, and he mentioned to me that he had applied for a research position with the EAC. I don't know if you have seen his application, but I thought I would mention that to you. Given Kevin's many years of experience here at the City Election Board and his legal background, he might be a good "fit" for a position with your organization and would undoubtedly appreciate an opportunity to discuss it further with you.

Hope all is well with you and your family and that you had a joyous Easter. If your travels bring you this way and your schedule permits, I would be pleased to meet you for breakfast or lunch and talk "shop" a bit.

Best regards.

Gary

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Ken A. Meyer

**To:** [amcclure@cityutilities.net](mailto:amcclure@cityutilities.net) ; [Vernon Schmidt](#) ; [stoffg@](mailto:stoffg@) ; [jberho@](mailto:jberho@) ; [jez3285@bjcmail.carenet.org](mailto:jez3285@bjcmail.carenet.org) ; [jlawson@urbanleague-stl.org](mailto:jlawson@urbanleague-stl.org) ; [Kerry DeGregorio](#) ; [kdw54321@](mailto:kdw54321@) ; [ldhanson@](mailto:ldhanson@) ; [spacesistah@](mailto:spacesistah@) ; [Rob Dawes](#) ; [sylviaastoll@wustl.edu](mailto:sylviaastoll@wustl.edu) ; [Tim Drete](#) ; [Val White](#) ; [Tom Wilsdon](#) ; [Barbara Nahlik](#) ; [Bill Volk](#) ; [Bob](#) ; [Bob Koetting](#) ; [Bud & Gerry Gilberg](#) ; [Charlene LaRosa](#) ; [Dave Jones](#) ; [David Jones](#) ; [Dick Bauer](#) ; [Dick Marshall](#) ; [Don Gravlin](#) ; [Eva Norton](#) ; [Good News](#) ; [Herman](#) ; [Jack Goldman](#) ; [Jeff Chapman](#) ; [Jim Fiete](#) ; [John D. Wiemann](#) ; [John Winston](#) ; [Kacky Garner](#) ; [Michael Chance](#) ; [Patrick Werner](#) ; [Rita Carlson](#)

**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2005 9:44 AM

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"Mary Kertz"

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03/30/2005 04:09 PM

To pdegregorio@eac.gov

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Subject Re: Iraqi Election Commission meeting

Mr. DeGregorio-

This is incredible to hear about from you on a first-hand account. Thank you for sharing, and for keeping me on your distribution list!

--Mary

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"AJ Profiri"

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03/28/2005 02:35 PM

To pdegregorio@eac.gov

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Subject Re: Iraqi Election Commission meeting

Mr. DeGregorio,

I hope you had a great time with your family in Italy.

I was impressed with the results of the election in Iraq.

Personally I am against the war, but probably the war is necessary to change a strong totalitarian system.

In Albania we had good and helpful neighbors like Italy and Greece, but beginning of the democratic system was very difficult and the fight with the people associated with the communist totalitarian regime was difficult because they preferred to believe what was convenient for them.

In Iraq, neighbors like Iran and Syria complicate the situation but I believe the new generation is realizing the western democratic progress and they will be useful in the democratic process, the election was a very strong parameter of the progress in Iraq. I am confident they will overcome the transition period and hopefully the western help will continue in Iraq.

Albania elections probably will be this July, hopefully is not going to be painful this time.

Best Regards,

Artan Profiri

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To pdegregorio@eac.gov

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03/28/2005 05:08 AM

Subject RE: Iraqi Election Commission meeting

Paul, Sounds like a great opportunity! What was their reaction to your comments on what we learned in the US election? sf Hawk

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"Mike Witt"

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03/25/2005 01:52 AM

To pdegregorio@eac.gov

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Subject RE: Iraqi Election Commission meeting

That's amazing Paul! Your work is really puts you on the forefront of some of the most dramatic change the world is seeing right now, in my opinion. Just get home safely when you're done, if you haven't done so already, so we can get together for lunch sometime! -Mike

-----Original Message Follows----- From: pdegregorio@eac.gov To: pdegregorio@eac.gov  
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"Tony J. Sirvello III"  
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03/25/2005 01:42 PM

To pdegregorio@eac.gov  
cc  
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Hi Paul,

What a great experience - wish I could have been there. Do you have any contact information for these gentlemen - I would like to invite them to our conference?

Thank you for your hospitality this week - I feel privileged to have one-on-one time with you when I visit your office.

A Safe and Happy Easter to You and Your Family,

Your friend always,

*Tony*

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Subject RE: Iraqi Election Commission meeting

Good picture. Heck of an opportunity, going to Iraq, if it comes off. Go for it. I spent 3 hrs. in a phone bank last night for Bill Alter. John Weir was there. Hadn't seen him in a coon's age. Also Miriam Stonebraker. Lookin' good in that district. Think we'll take it on the 5th.

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03/25/2005 01:11 PM

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Subject Re: Iraqi Election Commission meeting

Paul:

What a great meeting it must have been. Our country can be so proud for what we have done there, and the great election management is icing on the cake.

Progress is going well on the final 2 weeks of hard-core drafting at NIST. Feel free to call me directly if you and the Commission are not getting what you want. The word on Tony is that he is adding much value.

Have a great Easter.

Regards,  
Craig

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Brownhunter4  
03/25/2005 12:13 AM

To pdegregorio@eac.gov  
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Subject Re: Iraqi Election Commission meeting

**No doubt it was serious work. Yvonne**

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"LaRosa, Charlene"  
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03/25/2005 11:12 AM

To pdegregorio@eac.gov  
cc  
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Subject RE: Iraqi Election Commission meeting

What a great opportunity! I don't think the average Joe (Democrat) realizes exactly what took place over there and what an impact it has to civilization.

Things here are the same. We are anxiously awaiting our destiny. I hope it happens soon.

Bona Pasquale !!!!

Charlene

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03/25/2005 08:40 AM

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Subject RE: Iraqi Election Commission meeting

Paul - This is fantastic. What a memorable experience. All your hard work is paying off - you truly are spreading democracy around the world. My heartiest congratulations!! Is it ok if I share your email with some people here?

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Paul, you are truly making history. We have come a very long way in the election process, and you have been right there in the forefront. IFES had had a tremendous impact -- with your assistance and guidance.

I remember when Kerry was so concerned with your safety and you were out there making inroads into Russia and numerous other places. We were always praying for your safety.

Keep up the amazing work.

I know you are keeping a journal. I hope you are beginning your book--it would be so beneficial to those countries where elections are finally becoming a possibility and reality. I am requesting my own personal signed copy -- please note and keep in a most important place.

God bless - Be safe.

Barbara Cooper

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"Diamond, Sandra"  
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03/25/2005 06:00 AM

To pdegregorio@eac.gov

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Subject RE: Iraqi Election Commission meeting

Paul:

Your email brought smiles to my face and tears of joy to my eyes. What a wonderful 90 minutes this must have been for you, the Iraqi people, IFES and others involved. I know how proud you must have felt listening to the Iraqi people and a bit nostalgic wishing you had been there in January to see this first hand. I hope things work out for you to go to Iraq later this year. I know how much this would mean to you personally and professionally. In any event, congratulations--this is the best news for anyone, especially for those of us who love free elections and democracy.

Sandy Diamond  
Kids Voting Missouri

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Fascinating! I think you need a traveling buddy-I volunteer.

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That's so awesome – thanks again for dinner – you are great mentor and friend!

Matt

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Subject RE: Iraqi Election Commission meeting

Wow. Pretty cool photo – even cooler work.

All well here ... again, Paul, sorry I got crossways with your ideas for the County board ... I will call you earlier in my efforts.

Things are progressing with the City ... we have three solid Commissioners set – with one D left to find.

One question: I think that part of being Chair – my preference at least – is for me to be the public voice of the Board. Is that appropriate? I mean, I think Patrick will be good, but I really want – for me and for control – to be the one out front. Can you comment on this?

Thanks again for all of your encouragement.

All the best.

Ed

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cool Uncle Paul!

Don't go to Iraq.

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Subject REply: Iraqi Election Commission meeting

Commissioners,

This is truly inspirational. Thanks for sharing. And keep up the good work! vr/TS

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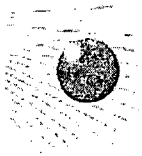
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Subject Invitation to the III Inter-American Meeting on Electoral  
Technology

Dear Mr. DeGregorio:

It was a pleasure to meet you at the Carter Center Meeting. As metion to you in Atlanta, the Electoral Institutions of Colombia, the National Civil Registry and the National Electoral Council, in collaboration with the Organization of American States (OAS) are organizing the Third Inter-American Meeting on Electoral Technology in Bogotá, Colombia on April 6 and 7, 2005. The meeting will bring together once again bring together electoral authorities, as well as experts in information technology, from throughout the hemisphere to discuss the state of electoral administration and the role of technology in the electoral process. Each Electoral institution will have the opportunity to present their approaches to the use of technology in the electoral process.

We are cordially inviting you or a representative of the U.S Election Assistance Commission to participate in this event. At this meeting, an exchange of information, best practices, experiences and technology will be examined throughout the hemisphere, focusing on the consolidation and modernization of electoral processes as a means to promote democracy. This computerization provides the necessary framework for free and fair elections and allows election administrators to better utilize their resources. The expenses of your participation will be covered by the OAS.

Please take a moment to look at the enclosed information on the meeting. It provides general information, including background, content and methodology to be used at the meeting. Due to the difference in the electoral system between Latin America and the United States, we would appreciate if your presentation could provide a brief description of the electoral system in the U.S. as well as information on electoral technologies that are in use. We have prepared a draft document that may be useful to guide this presentation. Please let us know if equipment will be required for your presentation.

Please confirm your participation to Alexandra Osorio at [mosorio@oas.org](mailto:mosorio@oas.org) or via fax at (202) 458-6299, to Juan Carlos Yepes Alzate at [jcyepes@registraduria.gov.co](mailto:jcyepes@registraduria.gov.co) or via fax at (571) 222-2798 and to Guillermo Francisco Reyes Gonzalez at [gf\\_reyes@yahoo.com](mailto:gf_reyes@yahoo.com) or fax (571) 222-7039.

We take this opportunity to renew to you the assurances of our highest consideration.

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## **ELECTORAL ORGANIZATION OF COLOMBIA ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES**

**Invite to the  
Third Inter-American Meeting on Electoral Technology  
Bogota, Colombia  
April 6 and 7, 2005**

### **Informative Document**

#### **BACKGROUND**

Interest in the use of new technology in electoral processes is becoming increasingly evident in our Hemisphere. From voter identification mechanisms to electronic voting machines, more and more innovations have been appearing on the electoral scene of various countries of the American hemisphere.

It is important to emphasize that currently in our democracies electoral processes rely heavily on the confidence of the electorate and the acknowledgement of the international community regarding the success of the steps taken by the electoral authorities to strengthen and modernize their institutions, specifically in the organization and administration of elections. It is for this reason that the Organization of American States (OAS) through the electoral area of the Department of Democratic and Political Affairs (DADP) has, since 2002, initiated in the framework of its Inter-American Electoral Technology Program [In Spanish, Programa Interamericano de Tecnología Electoral (PITE)], the Inter-American Meeting on Electoral Technology, which allows for the acknowledgement of technological advancement made in the Inter-American hemisphere, which contributes to the celebration of elections, each time more modern, transparent and efficient in all countries of our region. The Meeting addresses areas, such as, attention to voters, the automatization of the processes applied to elections, and the incorporation of the use of information technology.

To date, the OAS has successfully held two Inter-American Meetings on Electoral Technology. Each opened the door to the exchange of practices and experiences in terms of the incorporation of technological innovations in the field of elections, as well as the fostering of horizontal cooperation among the different electoral authorities of our continent.

In addition, Member States have considered the gathering as suitable for the generation of ideas and the development of areas of common interest, in order to promote the integration of information in electoral processes.

It is worth noting that in the First Meeting the challenges that come with the introduction of new electoral technology were analyzed. It also provided the opportunity

to learn and share the experiences of the different electoral bodies in incorporating electoral technology innovations, especially those related to procedures in the organization of elections. The benefits of horizontal cooperation in this area were also examined.

On that occasion, the OAS presented the Inter-American Electoral Map, a useful tool for consultation and information on electoral issues. This virtual tool has turned into a forum for all interested in developing forecasts or comparative analysis of the situation of electoral bodies of the hemisphere in matters of legislation, organization and electoral technology.

The Second Meeting sought to introduce an academic and "outside" perspective on the different voting mechanisms and allowed for fruitful discussions on the challenges that electoral technology poses in terms of efficiency as well as the care that should be taken in its implementation.

In this way, the electoral authorities explored the mechanisms to coordinate the implementation of technology with electoral administrations, the electorate, political organizations and the legislative branch. This is how the conclusion was reached that technology is not an end in itself, but rather a useful tool to attain a certain end: the modernization of electoral procedures through voting procedures which will become more efficient and reliable than they are now. It is as much a short-term as a long term goal. The strengthening of democracies in the region should at all times favor citizen participation with the application of basic rights such as, equality, security, transparency, confidence and confidentiality.

In both Meetings, the OAS, in order to provide the electoral authorities of the its Member States exposure to the existing products, services, and applications in the market aimed at the improvement and automatization of the electoral processes invited numerous suppliers that presented and demonstrated the innovations and their functions, in suitable exhibition halls, that permitted participants to acquaint themselves with the advancements in the science of electoral technology.

## **OBJECTIVE**

In this the third Meeting on Electoral Technology, the OAS with the support of the Electoral Organization of Colombia proposes to continue its clear efforts to support and strengthen the exchange of knowledge, best practices, and experiences of the different electoral authorities in areas of technology, in the interest of promoting cooperation among the electoral institutions of the hemisphere and the multilateral framework proclaimed by the Organization.

In the scope of this general objective, we are seeking to:

- Present the achievements accomplished by the OAS in this field during the past year.



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- Reinforce the basic idea that at this particular socio-political juncture in the hemisphere, the electoral bodies are indisputably the agents of change that influence not only the electoral regimes but also the consolidation of democracy in their countries and their institutions, obligating all the political, social, and academic actors to become involved in the study and analysis of the challenges they need to tackle to ensure that political and electoral processes are more responsive, modern, efficient and transparent.
- Recognize verbally, all the electoral authorities gather at the Meeting, the reach of the new technologies they have acquired or developed, their successful achievements as well as the lessons learned. This will rely on the most accurate and adequate "inventory of technological products and services in use and/or in development for inter-American electoral needs."

## METHODOLOGY

The Organization of American States (OAS) and the Electoral Organization of Colombia, comprising the National Civil Registry and the National Electoral Council are the organizers of the Third Inter-American Meeting on Electoral Technology, an event which will take place from April 6 and 7, 2005 in Bogotá, Colombia.

The methodology to be used at the Meeting will be the following:

1. **Inauguration**
2. **Presentations by the Electoral Authorities.** These presentations will be the responsibility of the leaders of the participating electoral bodies, accompanied by their expert in technology and computer science. Each country will be allowed a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes to present its experiences in the use and development of new technology in electoral matters. The presentations must focus on the products and services in the field of electoral technology that are available or in development in each country as well as any challenges that the Institutions might have in these areas. Likewise, to help document the event, we request that each delegation submit a written document, which will in this way, too, give countries the opportunity to detail the most important aspects of the utilization and implementation of these technologies.
3. **Presentation by Special Guest.** A presentation will be made by an expert outlining an Inter-American perspective of the initiatives of "e-government," which with the support of the OAS will be developed in many of the countries.
4. **Presentations by Suppliers.** This Meeting will offer the opportunity for each one of the suppliers to participate in the Exhibition Hall, mount an exposition of no more than 10 minutes so that they can present to the electoral authorities the products and/or services they offer. This segment will allow those present and, in particular, the experts in information technology the chance to interact with the



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different electoral technologies offered in the market so that they can get a better idea of what is out there.

5. **Plenary Session.** At the end of the event, a plenary session will provide a forum for the exchange of questions and concerns arising from the Meeting and a matrix that will gather the conclusions from the presentations and other elements that might have been brought up during the Third Inter-American Meeting on Electoral Technology.
6. **Show Room.** While the Meeting is taking place, there will be an exhibition hall for the Suppliers of Services and Products of Electoral Technology that can be viewed by the electoral authorities and other participants during the event.

## OUTCOME

During the Third Inter-American Meeting on Electoral Technology it is our hope to attain the following results:

- Prepare an account of the current situation in the area of electoral technology from all the participating electoral bodies at the Meeting
- Create a matrix of the strengths and opportunities which the institution can rely on in terms of legislation, technology and electoral organization that allow for the promotion of concrete actions and the support of horizontal cooperation with the aim of creating projects of exchange of practices, technologies, and personnel among the participating countries and/or businesses that offer electoral technology products and services.
- Create the foundations for the formulation of a comparative study on the situation of the Member States in the area of electoral technology that will allow the OAS to lend more support to their programs of electoral technology assistance.
- Establish a preparatory plan of concrete activities according to the Inter-American electoral calendar for the next five years.
- Establish and/or strengthen links among the electoral bodies and their advances in the incorporation of electoral technology.
- Promote the efforts of horizontal cooperation among the electoral bodies of Member States.

## INVITATION

The participation of the representative of the electoral authority and the information technology manager in the electoral organization of each participating country will be financed by the OAS. (This financing includes the costs of transport, room and board, and meals.)

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For the coordination of logistical matters, we ask that the electoral authorities and IT managers interested to participate in the meeting to send, upon receipt of this letter, confirmation of their attendance and the name of the IT manager to Juan Carlos Yepes Alzate at [jcyepes@registraduria.gov.co](mailto:jcyepes@registraduria.gov.co) or via fax at (571) 222-2798 and to Alexandra Osorio at [mosorio@oas.org](mailto:mosorio@oas.org) or via fax at (202) 458-6299, and to Guillermo Francisco Reyes González at [gf\\_reyes@yahoo.com](mailto:gf_reyes@yahoo.com) or fax (571) 222-7039.

For additional information, please visit the webpage [www.oea-rite.org](http://www.oea-rite.org).

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III Reunión Interamericana de Tecnología Electoral  
Abril 6 y 7 de 2005 - Bogotá, Colombia

### Agenda Tentativa

#### MIÉRCOLES 6 DE ABRIL

- 8:00 a.m.** Sesión de inauguración - Intervenciones por confirmar según el nivel:
- Presidente de la República, ó un Delegado por él.
  - Secretario General Interino OEA, ó
  - Director de Departamento de Asuntos Democráticos y Políticos (OEA), ó
  - Directora Oficina para la Promoción y la Democracia (OEA)
  - Presidenta Consejo Nacional Electoral
  - Registradora Nacional del Estado Civil de Colombia
- 10:30 a.m.** Pausa - Café
- 11:00 a.m.** Presentación Autoridades Electorales de Norte América (Estados Unidos, Canadá, México (2))  
Moderador: Dr. Guillermo Reyes, Magistrado del CNE
- 12:00 m.** Receso - Almuerzo
- 2: 00 p.m.** Presentación Autoridades Electorales de Centro América (El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala)  
Moderador: Dr. Marco Emilio Hincapié Ramírez, Magistrado del CNE
- 3: 00 p.m.** Pausa - Café
- 3: 15 p.m.** Continuación de la presentación de las Autoridades Electorales de Centro América (Costa Rica, Panamá, República Dominicana)  
Moderador: Sr. Santiago Murray, Asesor de la OEA
- 4: 00 p.m.** Presentación Autoridades Electorales de la Región Andina (Bolivia, Ecuador, Venezuela, Perú (2))  
Moderador: Sr. Orlando Abello
- 5:15 p.m.** Pausa - Café
- 5: 30 p.m.** Continuación de la presentación de las Autoridades Electorales de la Región Andina (Colombia (2 autoridades))  
Moderador: Sr. Moisés Benamor, Coordinador del Área Electoral de la OEA

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- 6:00 p.m. Cierre del día
- 8:30 p.m. Cóctel de Bienvenida por la Organización Electoral Colombiana

#### **JUEVES 7 DE ABRIL**

- 8: 30 a.m. Presentación Autoridades Electorales del MERCOSUR  
(Argentina (2), Uruguay, Paraguay, Chile (2) y Brasil)  
Moderador: Dr. Antonio José Lizarazo, Magistrado del CNE
- 10: 15 a.m. Pausa - Café
- 10:45 a.m. Presentaciones por parte de la OEA  
Moderador: Dr. Roberto Bornacelli, Magistrado del CNE  
Presentación sobre E-Government. Sr. Miguel Porrua, Especialista en  
Gobierno Electrónico de la OEA  
Presentación del Programa Interamericano de Tecnología Electoral. Sr.  
Moisés Benamor, Coordinador Área Electoral del Departamento de  
Asuntos Democráticos y Políticos de la OEA
- 11: 15 a.m. Sesión de Preguntas  
Moderadores: Doctores Luís Eduardo Botero y Guillermo Mejía Mejía,  
Magistrados del CNE
- 12: 00 m. Receso - Almuerzo
- 2:00 p.m. Presentación de las Compañías Proveedoras de Servicios Tecnológicos  
Moderador: Sr. Moisés Benamor, Coordinador del Área Electoral del  
Departamento de Asuntos Democráticos y Políticos de la OEA
- 5:00 p.m. Sesión Plenaria.  
Presiden: Presidenta Consejo Nacional Electoral  
Registradora Nacional del Estado Civil de Colombia  
Representante de la OEA.  
Los Moderadores
- 6:00 p.m. Clausura del Evento por:  
Presidenta Consejo Nacional Electoral  
Registradora Nacional del Estado Civil de Colombia  
Representante de la OEA.
- 8:30 p.m. Cóctel de Despedida por la OEA



Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV  
03/22/2005 06:07 PM

To Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV@EAC, Raymundo  
Martinez/EAC/GOV@EAC, DeForest Soaries  
Jr./EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

bcc

Subject Meeting w/Disability Groups

Following today's discussions with NASS, I am wondering if we should invite a NASS representative(s) to our April 11 discussions with the Disability Groups so they (the NASS reps) can hear for themselves what the disability groups are concerned about?

It sounds like some states are considering purchasing an accessible voting system that some of the disability groups have threatened to file suit over.

Your thoughts on this?

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"Platte County"  
<platte@sos.mo.gov>  
03/08/2005 12:25 PM

To pdegregorio@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Missouri Urban Board Meeting

Hi Paul!

Hope that all is going well for you and your family.

The Platte County Board of Elections is hosting this year's MO Urban Board conference from May 11-13 at Tan-Tar-A.

Would you be available to give us an update on the EAC's activities on Friday, May 13th? We start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 11:00 a.m. on this day. We would accommodate your schedule if you are able to make it.

I know that you are on a busy and tight schedule but would appreciate your consideration!

Take care!

Wendy Flanigan  
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"Sarah Dionne"  
<dionne@media.mit.edu>  
02/25/2005 05:26 PM

To pdegregorio@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Meet with Ted Selker, MIT/Caltech Voting Project

Hello Mr. DeGregorio,

Ted Selker will be in DC next week and he was hoping to be able to meet with you.

He will be arriving Wednesday, March 2 around noon and would have time after 3:00 that day or Thursday morning before 10:00.

Please let me know what could work with your schedule.

Thank you.

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p.s. I will be out of the office Monday so I will be able to confirm any suggested meeting time on Tuesday.

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"Doug Lewis"  
<dlewis@electioncenter.org>  
12/31/2004 06:17 PM

To "Ray Martinez" <rmartinez@eac.gov>, "Deforest Soaries"  
<dsoaries@eac.gov>, "Gracia Hilman"  
<ghillman@eac.gov>, "Paul Degregorio"

cc

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Subject Joint Election Officials Meeting this week

Back on November 6, I sent an email inviting each of you to participate in the Joint Election Officials Liaison Committee meeting in DC at the Westin Embassy Row (21<sup>st</sup> and Mass) on Thursday and Friday, January 6 & 7.

Congressional staffers Kennie Gill, Tom Hicks, Paul Vinovich and Brian Lewis will be doing a panel at 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday. Our meeting begins at 9 a.m. and concludes each day at 4:30 p.m.

I would love for you to be able to be introduced and speak to this group if you so choose. We will have about 120 attendees this year. You can speak either on Thursday afternoon or Friday.

You can reach me on my mobile number or at the hotel beginning Sunday, Jan 2.

I hope each of you will be able to participate.

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11/12/2004 11:25 PM

To pdegregorio@eac.gov

cc

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Subject Fwd: I would like to meet with you.

----- Message from "Sam Wright" <

> on Fri, 12 Nov 2004 10:13:30 -0800 (PST)

To: "Hemenway, Margaret, CIV, OSD" <Margaret.Hemenway@osd.mil>

cc: RADMCarey@aol.com, PaulDGOP@aol.com, jerickso@erols.com

Subject: RE: I would like to meet with you.

Thanks. See you Tuesday at 6:30 pm at 437 New Jersey Ave. SE. Sam

--- "Hemenway, Margaret, CIV, OSD" <Margaret.Hemenway@osd.mil> wrote:

> Sam, I will be there- got a \$50 pkng ticket last  
> time so I think I'll take  
> metro this time and David can babysit.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Sam Wright [mailto: ]

> Sent: Friday, November 12, 2004 6:11 AM

> To: PaulDGOP@aol.com; Margaret.Hemenway@osd.mil

> Cc: RADMCarey@aol.com; David.Hemenway@osd.mil;

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> Subject: Re: I would like to meet with you.

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> Proposed meeting time and place:

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> 1830 hours (6:30 pm)

> Tuesday, 16 November

> 437 New Jersey Ave. SE

> Washington, DC 20003

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> Ducky & David: Are you available for this time and  
> place? If not, we will reschedule the meeting for  
> another evening.

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> Paul: New Jersey Ave. SE is the street that runs  
> between the Cannon House Office Bldg. and the  
> Longworth House Office Bldg. Proceed south, through  
> D

> St. and through Ivy St. 437 is on the right as you  
> go

> south on New Jersey Ave. SE.

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> I think that the congressional "Lame Duck Session"  
> starts Monday. That may make street parking more  
> difficult. I will be coming by Metro.

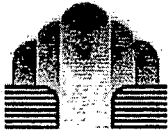
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> See you Tuesday, unless otherwise advised.

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> Samuel F. Wright  
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> --- wrote:  
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> > Sam,  
> > How about Tuesday evening, November 16 at 6:30 PM?  
> > You can pick the place.  
> > Will that work?  
> >  
> > Happy Veteran's Day!  
> >  
> > Paul  
> >  
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DeForest Soaries  
Jr./EAC/GOV

11/10/2004 04:00 PM

To Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV@EAC, rmartinez@eac.gov, Paul  
DeGregorio/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc cpaquette@eac.gov, Kay Stimson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.  
Thompson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Dsavoy@eac.gov

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Subject Civil Rights meeting

We had hoped to have a pre-election day meeting with Civil Rights Organizations. My efforts to get Wade Henderson to assist with this never materialized.

I think we should have a post-election day meeting with civil rights organizations to discuss their concerns about November 2. We may also want to invite representatives of DOJ as some of their concerns will involve voting rights and political pranks. I think a private meeting of this type can begin a process of on going dialogue with these groups that can even include state and local election officials in the future.

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"John Attala"  
<jattala@infogard.com>

11/02/2004 07:32 PM

To pdegregorio@eac.gov

cc dmurphy@eac.gov

bcc

Subject InfoGard (NIST Accredited Lab) Meeting Request

Paul and Dan:

We hope this email finds you both well on this Election Day.

Since last meeting with each of you (Paul at the CACEO conference and Dan at the Election Conference), we have spent a considerable amount of time assisting California Counties with process improvements and election security. It has been very enjoyable work with a great group of individuals. Because of our experiences we have a very high confidence level in those counties we've been fortunate enough to work with and trust, despite the media and activist criticisms, that each one will have an accurate, secure election.

We are in the process of scheduling our next trip back to Washington, DC and have tentatively planned to be there the week after Thanksgiving, November 29th thru December 3rd. Ideally we would like to spend an hour and a half or so with you to update you on our work at the local level and share with you our view on developing voting system standard and the related testing. We believe we are uniquely suited to give you a perspective due to our familiarity with NIST's accreditation process and requirements and our work in the elections arena over the last few years. We would like to assist you in developing a solution.

Given this advance notice and flexibility with our east coast customers, we will work our other meetings around your schedule. Please let us know if you are interested in meeting, and if so, which days/times work best into your schedules.

Sincerely,  
John

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